The following petitions were then reported to the (the same were deferred for consideration along with the Bill for y read

I. *Re.* the Tolls Bill.

(1) Petition from Mr. G. Venkatarama Iyer, Vaikam.

(2) Petition from Messrs. G. Venkatarama Iyer Pillai, Vaikam.

(3) Petition dated the 20th August 1912, from the Travancore Agricultural Association, Thiruvella.

(4) Petition from the Secretary, Kadapra Kshema Th

II. *Re.* the Salt Bill.

Petition dated the 22nd Chingam 1088, from Venkatasu holder, Thamarakulam Allom.

III. *Re.* the Nair Bill. Petition dated the 16th Oct General Secretary, Keraliya Vilakkathala Nair Samajam, Triv

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THE BREACH OF CONTRACT REGULATION AME

Mr. Richardson.—Sir, I beg to apply for permission to further amend the Breach of Contract Regulation, II of 1080, as am lation V of 1087.

Permission was granted accordingly.

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THE HACKNEY CARRIAGE BILL.

Mr. Vieyra.—Mr. Ananda Row being absent, I have been entrusted with the Bills of which he is in charge. A Hackney Carriage Bill was introduced into the Council on the 15th September 1909, framed on the lines of the Madras Act, No. III of 1879, which provides for the regulation of hackney carriages in Madras. This Bill has been pending with the Council since then. Subsequently, the above Madras Act was superseded by Act No. V of 1911, now in force in Madras. It has been considered desirable to re-draft our Bill on the lines of the later Madras Act. The draft Bill, accordingly revised, has been published in the Gazette under Rule 32, and copies thereof have also been distributed among the Members. I now beg permission to withdraw the original Bill under Rule 34, and to introduce the revised Bill. The need for legislation in this direction has already been admitted, and every day we feel the urgent necessity for regulating the traffic of vehicles plying for hire. I therefore beg to move that the principle of the new Bill, which is identical with that of the old Bill, may be affirmed.

Seconded by Mr. Krishnan Nair.

Carried.

Mr. Vieyra then moved that the Bill be referred to a Select Committee, consisting of Messrs. Ananda Row, P. K. Kesava Pillai and the Mover, to report within one month.

Seconded by Mr. Raman Pillai.

Carried.

THE LAND ACQUISITION REGULATION AMENDMENT BILL.

Mr. Vieyra.—Leave was granted to Mr. Ananda Row to introduce this Bill. The Bill has been published in the Gazette and copies thereof have also been duly circulated. It will be seen from the Bill that the whole Regulation III of 1067

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incipal alterations are contained in Sections 17 and 18, of lands acquired by the Government a decided advantage in es of dispute as to the amount of compensation, &c., ask ar to refer the matter for the decision of the Civil Court. lowed under the British Act. I beg to introduce this Bill nciple of the same be affirmed.

Mr. Krishnan Nair.

e of the Bill having been affirmed, Mr. Vieyra proposed that i to a Select Committee, consisting of Messrs. Ananda Row, and the Mover, to report within one month.

Mr. Raman Pillai.

E VILLAGE PANCHAYAT COURTS BILL.

—In the absence of Mr. Ananda Row, I beg to introduce the t Courts Bill, which has been published in the Gazette under es whereof have been distributed among the Members. In G. O. the 14th December 1911, the Government directed "that some d be introduced which will appreciably reduce the number of petty Civil Courts and minimise the delay and expense involved in such [illegible]. A Committee was accordingly appointed to frame and submit a Bill for the establishment of Village Panchayat Courts, and this Bill, now under consideration, is what they have framed. The Committee's report, appended to the Bill, clearly explains the principles underlying the measure and I need not therefore dilate on the subject. I beg to move that the principle of the Bill be affirmed.

Seconded by Mr. Raman Pillai.

Carried.

Mr. Vieyra.—I beg to move that the Bill be referred to a Select Committee, consisting of Messrs. Ananda Row, P. Kesava Pillai, Madhavan Tampy, [illegible]. Kesava Pillai and the Mover, to report within two months.

Seconded by Mr. Raman Pillai.

Carried.

THE CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES BILL.

Mr. Vieyra.—On behalf of Mr. Ananda Row, I have to introduce this Bill which also has been published under Rule 32. The Bill has been drafted on the lines of the latest law on the subject in British India, *viz.*, India Act II of 1912. There have been complaints about the working of some companies under the Companies' Act and, under the conditions prescribed in that law, it has not been possible to subject the affairs of these companies to proper investigation. It has been considered expedient therefore to enact a Co-operative Societies' Law on the lines of India Act II of 1912, which contains adequate provisions for detection and effective punishment in cases of mismanagement. I beg to move that the principle of the Bill be affirmed.

Seconded by Mr. Krishnan Nair.

Carried.

The Council having affirmed the principle of the Bill, Mr. Vieyra moved that the Bill may be referred to a Select Committee, consisting of Messrs. Ananda Row, Easwara Pillai, Raman Pillai, P. Kesava Pillai and the Mover, to report within two months.

Seconded by Mr. Krishnan Nair.

Carried.

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